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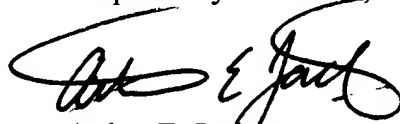
The status of the claims is as follows:

Currently Amended:	39, 40
Pending:	1, 3-32, 34-35, 37-40, 51

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention, or simplify consideration on appeal. Support for the amendments is apparent in the first full paragraph on page 16 of the specification.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the Amendment meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.116 since it places the claims in better condition for consideration on appeal. Moreover, the Amendment only requires a cursory review. Accordingly, entry is respectfully requested.²

Respectfully submitted



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